**Below Average ABSOLUTE RATING: IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Excellent

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 31. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to good. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

### **RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD**

Absolute Rating Improvement Rating

2001 Below Average Excellent

2002 2003

2004

### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM **Schools With**

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	Our Schoo		ol	Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
Passed all 3 subtests	47.3	45.7	47.2	55.3	60.7	60.5
Passed 2 subtests	27.0	29.1	26.7	21.7	19.2	20.3
Passed 1 subtest	14.8	15.5	16.0	13.5	12.9	11.5
Passed no subtests	10.9	9.8	10.1	9.5	7.3	7.7

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	12.4%	13.8%
at four-year institutions		
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	13.1%	14.5%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	47.1%	41.9%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

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PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS						
		Exit Exam Passage	Eligibility for	Graduation		
	Student Group	Rate by Spring 2001	LIFE Scholarships	Rate		
ě	All students	88.0%	12.4%	N/A until 2003		
and it	Students with disabilities other than speech	64.0%	0.0%			
	Students without disabilities	89.9%	13.7%			
	Gender					
	Male	84.9%	12.8%			
	Female	90.9%	12.1%			
	Ethnic Group					
	African American	86.5%	10.7%			
	Hispanic	100.0%	0.0%			
	White	93.8%	25.0%			
	Other	100.0%	0.0%			
	Lunch Status					
	Free/reduced-price lunch	86.9%	7.1%			
	Pay for lunch	89.0%	14.8%			

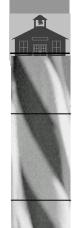
STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES				
Mastering core competencies	75.1%			
Completers placed	98.5%			
Eligible students enrolled	66.7%			

## **SCHOOL PROFILE** INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

0.	ır School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL	ii School	Last Tear	Like Ours	3011001
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Dollars spent per student	\$5,501	N/A	\$5,668	\$5,668
<ul> <li>Prime instructional time</li> </ul>	94.6%	Up from 90.0%	89.5%	90.1%
Student-teacher ratio	26.2 to 1	N/A	24.6 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=1,647)				
<ul> <li>Advanced Placement/</li> </ul>	38.9%	N/A	23.5%	40.0%
Int'l Baccalaureate Program				
Exam Success Ratio				
Attendance rate	99.2%	Up from 95.5%	94.8%	95.3%
<ul> <li>Retention rate</li> </ul>	13.5%	Up from 11.7%	11.9%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=116)				
<ul> <li>Professional Development</li> </ul>	6.3 Days	Down from 6.9	7.2 Days	7.5 Days
days per teacher				
Attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 95.5%	95.6%	95.7%
<ul> <li>Teachers with</li> </ul>	40.5%	Down from 45.99	% 44.8%	49.4%
advanced degrees				
<ul> <li>Continuing</li> </ul>	69.8%	Down from 70.69	% 80.4%	81.0%
contract teachers				
Teachers with	7.8%	Up from 0.8%	4.1%	3.0%
out-of-field permits		·		
Teachers returning	74.1%	Down from 77.39	% 84.8%	85.2%
from the previous				
school year				
Average teacher salary	\$36,282	Up 4.3%	\$37,133	\$38,125

### **SCHOOL FACTS**

Our S	School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
<ul> <li>Dropout rate</li> </ul>	3.6%	Up from 2.8%	3.6%	2.9%
<ul> <li>Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries</li> </ul>	57.1%	N/A	55.9%	56.4%
<ul> <li>Principal's years at the school</li> </ul>	11.0	N/A	4.0	3.0
<ul> <li>Percent of parents attending conferences</li> </ul>	98.3%	N/A	53.4%	60.1%
<ul> <li>Opportunities in the arts</li> </ul>	Good	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
<ul> <li>Older than usual for grade</li> </ul>	10.8%	Down from 12.6%	11.2%	10.1%
<ul> <li>Suspended or expelled</li> </ul>	33	N/A	34	29
<ul> <li>Gifted and talented</li> </ul>	10.9%	Up from 10.4%	6.1%	7.4%
With disabilities     other than speech	13.4%	Up from 11.4%	11.7%	10.7%
<ul> <li>Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations</li> </ul>	10.6%	N/A	6.7%	4.5%
<ul> <li>Enrollment in career and technology center courses</li> </ul>	1098	N/A	374	350
<ul> <li>Career students participating in work-based experiences</li> </ul>	42.0%	N/A	22.5%	23.1%





# PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

During the 2000-01 school year, Lower Richland High School provided a variety of academic programs and extracurricular activities to the approximately 1650 students of the Lower Richland community in Richland County.

Our BSAP Exit Exam test scores indicated a need to increase student mastery of basic skills standards throughout the curriculum. As an additional focus on reading, all students and staff read The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman. Also, teachers participated in staff development related to the implementation of South Carolina Curriculum Standards and the use of technology in their classrooms.

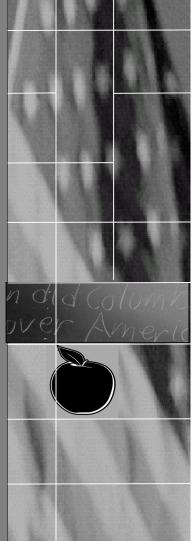
Lower Richland provided students with opportunities to increase their SAT scores. Students attended before and after school tutorial sessions taught by certified math and English teachers and Kaplan SAT preparation courses that were taught on campus. These efforts have resulted in an increase in SAT scores and Life Scholars. Students were recognized as National Merit Semifinalists, National Achievement Finalists, National Achievement Semifinalists, and National Achievement Outstanding Participants.

One of the barriers to the academic success of students is their weaknesses in math and English. Because Lower Richland is on the 4X4 block schedule, the school offered 9th grade students who scored Below Basic on PACT, English I, Algebra I, and Algebra for the Technologies courses for the entire year. These courses were designed to give students a firm foundation in these areas.

The arts program at Lower Richland has been successful during the 2000-01 school year. The band consistently has earned excellent and superior ratings in competitions. Two art students have been recognized nationally. A drama student has been selected to attend the Governor's School for the Arts.

We recognize that parents are a key component to school success. Many of our parents participate in the PTSA, SIC, band and athletic booster clubs. We have a core group of parent volunteers but are making plans to increase this number.

Efforts are being made to add more AP courses, recruit and train more AP teachers and identify more students for these courses.



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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 1,647 Students

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Annual School Report Card 2001

School Grade: Good

### **EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	69.1	45.3	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	78.4	62.5	,
Satisfied with home-school relations	56.3	72.4	

### **DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS**

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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